

BRITAIN FEARS FRENCH COUP

Diplomats Believe Franco-Italian
Combination Will Isolate
England As Power.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—The eyes of the British diplomats are fixed intently upon Premier Lloyd George in speculation as to what he will do at the forthcoming conference between the French and Italian premiers at Aix-les-Bains.

LEAGUE FATE AT STAKE.
There is no definite information in official circles, the Daily Telegraph points out, whether the British premier will or will not join M. Millerand and Signor Giolitti. Yet, upon that conference in the ancient little Swiss town, is believed to depend the future constellation of Europe's western powers, while the fate of the League of Nations, as created at Versailles, is likewise heavily involved.

France, having just completed her continental "consolidation" through her military pact with Belgium, her trade agreement with Hungary, her "rescue" of Poland, and her benevolent attitude toward the regrouping of the Balkan states, now is bent upon enlisting Italy's definite support in her future European policy.

If successful in this aim, France, diplomats point out today, will have achieved virtual hegemony both political and economic on the European continent, and thus present a powerful lever offsetting Britain's world influence.

LOOK TO LLOYD GEORGE.
British statesmen, following the policy of "divide and rule," look with disfavor upon the prospect of having England thus practically isolated politically, and Lloyd George is relied upon to execute, within the next week, or so, a diplomatic master stroke that will keep Italy out of the French continental scheme.

The close "gentleman's agreement" that has existed between England and Italy ever since the armistice has been shaken not inconsiderably by France's "one hand" policy toward Poland, which resulted in saving that country, temporarily at least, from being overrun by the Bolsheviks. Well-informed observers here say Italy stands before the parting of the ways, and must make a definite choice between "traveling" with France or continuing her working agreement with Britain.

INDEMNITY TO FOREFRONT.
Meanwhile the German indemnity problem has again come to the forefront. The conclusions to be arrived at in Geneva between German and allied experts at the forthcoming conference will be simply in the nature of recommendations. Each supreme court of entente premiers will be at liberty to accept, reject, or modify.

Premier Millerand is known to have laid special stress on this point in his recent informal conferences with his British and Italian colleagues.

WOULD EXTEND N. Y. AVE. TO BLADENBURG ROAD

Board of Trade Committee to Recommend Plan Before D. C. Commissioners.

Recommendations for the extension of New York avenue so that it will connect with the Bladensburg road will be urged by the Parks and Reservations Committee of the Washington Board of Trade at a hearing before the District Commissioners in the near future.

Judge Charles S. Bundy, chairman of the committee; Fred G. Golden, a member, and Richard Connor, toured Rock Creek Park, Klinge Ford Valley, visited Mount Hamilton, which is proposed for the new Botanical Gardens, and the Patterson tract, on which is now located Camp Meigs, and the purchase of which will be proposed by the committee for a playground.

FEVER EPIDEMIC AVERTED.

An epidemic of yellow fever has been averted in New Orleans, according to a report to the Public Health Service today. A victim was taken from a ship. He died in quarantine. Health officers reported that an epidemic might have resulted if the man had not been taken from the ship.

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Applications at the Better Barber Shops.

TONY PIZZO, United States sailor, photographed on his arrival in San Francisco from New York, en route to Los Angeles by bicycle. Pizzo is handcuffed to the bicycle. He is shown giving Doris Casper a ride on the handle bars.



"I'll Be Free In Month, Dead or Alive," Mayor Said In Last Interview

The subjoined exclusive article just reached the New York office of the International News Service by mail. It contains the last informal conversation of Terence McSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, with an American reporter, Dorothy Thompson, of the International News Service, dated with the "Martyr Mayor" two hours before he was arrested.

By DOROTHY THOMPSON.

International News Service.

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CORK, Aug. 12 (by mail).—"Surely, you occupy a very dangerous position," I said gravely to Terence McSwiney, lord mayor of this city, in the course of a long, exclusive interview.

WEARS MYSTIC SMILE.

A strange, almost mystic smile stole over his features, and in his eyes there seemed to be, for just a second, a flash of premonition.

"Yes, I suppose so," he replied, slowly, then added with another smile, "I would like to think about it."

Two hours after I left the city hall it was raised by the military. The lord mayor and ten others were arrested. All of them refused to recognize the court martial before which they were arraigned.

McSwiney declared boldly that the court was illegal, and that as the only agencies with authority to arrest him or his fellows were those of the "Republic of Ireland," he refused to accept a sentence.

"DEAD OR ALIVE."

"Dead or alive, I shall be free in a month," he fairly shouted to his captors, "for I shall not take a morsel of food until I am released."

Terence McSwiney was elected lord mayor on the Sinn Fein ticket in an uncontested election, following the death of his predecessor, Thomas McCurtin. The latter's mysterious death still is fresh in all minds. All Ireland was agog at the time, for a local jury held that he had been foully murdered by the British police and the British government. It brought in a verdict against individual members of the police and against David Lloyd George and Lord French.

McSWINEY'S FACE.

McSwiney is a slender, rather youthful man, with a characteristic south-of-Ireland face, very dark blue eyes, set in a thickset of dark lashes, an impulsive mouth, and dark, curly hair. He looked tired and a little pale.

I wanted to see a Republican court in session, and he took me into an adjoining room, where a court was sitting in judgment on a dealer who was accused of selling milk deficient in fat.

He explained to me that whereas the English magistrates were appointed by the administration, the Republican magistrates were elected by delegates sent to a meeting by popular city organizations, representing the various Sinn Fein bodies.

"The magistrates," he explained,

"are not lawyers; they are townsmen from all classes, teachers, business men, tradesmen, and farmers. We have some very amusing decisions, but you would admit their justice."

"I remember one case where two brothers were in a dispute over a piece of land which had been left them at the death of their father. The quarrel between them grew more and more intense, until there was some violence, and they were brought into a Republican court. The magistrate heard their case and brought the following decision:

"The older brother is to divide the land, then the younger brother is to take his choice."

I commented on the fact that the court was very open. I asked whether he wasn't afraid of it being suppressed under the new coercion bill.

"What does it matter?" he replied. "We shall only open again. These courts are not maintained by force. Therefore, force cannot be successfully used against them."

"I remember," continued McSwiney, "the last session of the English assizes. While the court was sitting the courthouse was fortified like a blockhouse. All doors were barred but one; the main entrance was blocked with sandbags, and all the pillars were wreathed with barbed wire. It was an ordinary civil session."

UNIQUE SENTENCE.

"Sometimes very funny things happen in connection with the courts and sentences. Two men were recently found guilty of petty larceny. The Republican court, holding them to be anti-social persons, put them out on an island with three loaves of bread to starve for a while and repent the sins which banished them from association with their fellow-beings."

"The English police heard about it, and since, from their viewpoint, all Republican court decisions are illegal, they went out in a rowboat to rescue the 'illegally' banished prisoners. But great was the surprise of these English police when the prisoners refused to be rescued."

"From the banks of their island they hurled clouds of turf and stones at their would-be 'rescuers.'"

"Sure, we were put here by our own people," they shouted, "and we won't be rescued by you; we'll only leave when our own people say so." The police turned back and the men served out their sentence."

"I want to ask you about the police murders, Mr. McSwiney," I said. The British say that your people have murdered unarmed policemen, and surely these attacks are losing you that good will which you have among the people."

"You must understand," replied the Lord Mayor of Cork, "that we are in a state of war. For the English government to deny it does not alter the facts. The 'police'—the Royal Irish Constabulary—have been a bona fide civil police. They have always been in a measure an army of occupation. They live in barracks, they are armed. We have set up a Republic in Ireland. We have used the regular British elections, and proportional representation, and returned officials pledged to the republic from eighty-eight per cent of the entire constituency of Ireland. All Ireland, mind you, including Ulster."

"This republic we are sworn to protect; this republic the British police

CORK NOW UNDER RULE OF MILITARY

People Grow Bitter As British
Troops Patrol Streets
of City.

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very young, with only a partial supply of arms. They are organized along regular military lines and call themselves "Irish Volunteers." These same forces serve as the local police.

On the other hand is the British administration. It is now entirely a military organization. It has its own police, but in Cork they are devoted entirely to apprehending political prisoners, and to their own cases, but they are court-martial, since it has been impossible, in the last few months for any English court to empanel a jury. Out of 347 men recently empaneled in Cork I was told that only ten would serve.

Some of the situations which arise because of this dual government, one side supported by armed force and one by the rebellious will of the population, are extraordinary. While I was in Cork a military court-martial convicted and sentenced to imprisonment two volunteers acting as civil police, arrested a thief. The thief escaped and appealed to the English police against his captors. The English police promptly arrested the Irish police and court-martialed them. The thief, of course, escaped entirely.

TROOPS ARE GOVERNMENT.

One of the men with whom I talked in Cork was a colonel in the army of occupation in that area. I had asked to see General Strickland, the commandant, but he was engaged, and this colonel offered to speak for him. I levered three things from him in conversation with him. First, that if Sinn Fein is terrorizing the Irish population, no section of the people is seeking refuge in the British military. Second, the casualties inflicted on Sinn Fein by the military are twice as severe as those inflicted on the military by Sinn Fein. (This statement the colonel made categorically in answer to a direct question.) Third, that the British civil administration has broken down, and admits it.

"Withdraw the army from Ireland and you withdraw the British government," said this Englishman.

"The object of Sinn Fein, supported by the Volunteers, is to make the British administration completely ineffective and to substitute their own. And, of course, they are succeeding," he admitted frankly. "Things have been quieter in the last few days since we have had a change in the screws, but there is no change in spirit. It just means that we have machine guns now. The resistance, though passive, is just as great."

I told him I had heard bitter complaints against the military in the city. That I had been told that they looted stores, stole cigarettes, and broke windows.

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KEPT FROM SLAIN HUSBAND'S BURIAL

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Thousands There.

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